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HEPATOCTE GROWTH FACTOR/SCATTER
FACTOR (HGF/SF) OR ITS RECEPTOR C-
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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A¹ This application is a divisional of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/364,539, filed July 29, 1999, entitled "Nucleic Acid Ligands which Bind to Hepatocyte Growth Factor Scatter Factor (HGF/SF) or its Receptor C-Met," which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/502,344, filed February 10, 2000, entitled "Nucleic Acid Ligands," now U.S. Patent No. 6,331,398, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/469,609, filed June, 6, 1995, entitled "Method for Detecting a Target Molecule in a Sample Using a Nucleic Acid Ligand," now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,653, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 07/714,131, filed June 10, 1991, entitled "Nucleic Acid Ligands," now U.S. Patent No. 5,475,096, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 07/536,428, filed June 11, 1990, now abandoned.

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